

## Michael P Goodman-B, 827 Sq

Michael P Goodman-Bombardier on Carl K Williams crew passed away March 30, 2000. His crew was shown on the recalled mission of October 23, 1944. They were flying Baker- 13, plane 42-74774. The mission was recalled due to bad weather over the target, Munich, Germany. The 484th BG was split into two forces that day, Red and Blue, the Williams crew were assigned to the blue force,

The crew on that day were: 2/Lt Carl K Williams-P, 2/Lt William J Schneider-C/P, 2/Lt Vernon D Hood-N, 2/Lt Michael P Goodman-B, Sgt James O Clemons-E, S/Sgt Edwin F Wilcox-R/0, Sgt B H Thompson-U/G, Sgt George K White B/G, S/Sgt Vincent J Scarpuzza-N/G, and Sgt Joseph H Wythe-T/G.

## Phyllis Peters Daniel R Peters

Phyllis Peters (March 5, 2000) the wife of member Richard W Peters (826 Sq) for 53 years has passed away Their only son Daniel R Peters also has passed away. Daniel was in the Air Force during the Viet Nam War and attended the 1996 Reunion.

## Paul J Schiappacasse, 825 sq

Paul J Schiappacasse 83 passed away 9/7/2000. He was born in St. Clair, Michigan on August 1, 1917 and was a resident of Flint, Michigan, most of his life. He graduated from St. Matthews High School in 1935 and also a graduate of University of Notre Dame in 1941. He married Della Morrison on June 3, 1989. Mr. Schiappacasse was a Pilot serving in the U. S. Army Air Corps during World War 11, flying 34 missions in the European Theater, awarded the Air Medal with I Cluster, Purple-Heart and 4 Bronze Stars. He was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church, member of Genesee Sportsman's Club, Knights of Columbus #695,

Elks BPOE #222, Retired Officer's Association and the VFW. Surviving are wife, Della; stepson, Joe and wife Pam Morrison of Flint; stepdaughter, Mary Beth Collier of Flint; stepdaughter, in-law, Chere Morrison of Flint, 7 grandchildren, Scott, Stephanie, Courtney, Christin, Chad, Emily and Anna; 4 great grandchildren, Jack, Vienna, Andrew Paul and Alyssa. Paul Schiappacasse was a Pilot with the 825th Squadron. The story of his crew is best described in the story appearing elsewhere in this issue by crew-member Ed Lamb-TG, .

## Willis Wong, 827 Sq.



Willis Wong extreme Right

From his Pilot, Willie Kitchen: Willis Wong was assigned to my crew on #70, 827th Squadron., the latter part of 1943. He was very conscientious, always doing his job well. He flew with me until May, 19 when I was wounded by flak over Romania. Shortly thereafter he was also wounded, and was sent back to the States, where he had further radio operator training. I lost touch with him, but learned he had been assigned as radio operator on a C-46, flying the Hump in the China-India-Burma theater until the end of WW 11 in Europe. In 1996 he joined the 484th Bomb Group Association, and we were reunited at the San Diego Reunion after 52 years. Willis was such a likeable, friendly person, and always got along well with everyone. I am grateful we had the opportunity to enjoy his company at several reunions, and we were honored to have been his guests at the 1998 Flying Tigers Reunion here in San Antonio, Texas. He will be sorely missed by many. He was a very good friend. Willie Kitchen.

From his daughter, Cynthia Wong: My father was a gentle and loving man who never talked much about his past and never about his wartime experiences. It wasn't until after my mother passed away and I began to spend more time with him that I learned more about what he had done as a young man, particularly about his participation in the second World War. As I found out more and more, I was amazed at what he and the other men and women who served during the war had accomplished, and the more proud I became of my father. He and his comrades performed feats that seem nothing short of miraculous. Yet to Dad, the past events were just a matter of course.

My dad served for two years on a B-24 called #70 as a radio operator and wing gunner. He and his crew were based in Cerignola, Italy. He was wounded when their plane was shot at and was sent back to the states to recover. Then he was sent to the China-Burma-India theater where he served on a C-47 with the 14th Air Force's 1333rd ATC unit (Air Transport Command) transporting supplies over the Hump (the Himalaya Mountains) from India to China. He flew with this unit until the war ended. All together, he served for four years. Cynthia Wong